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Comparison of ORE/CIA and OIR/State Intelligence Production

1. ORE has often heard the criticism from the Department of State and other quarters that it duplicates the intelligence production of OIR/State.

2. In the interests of determining the degree of duplication of intelligence production effort between OIR/State and ORE/CIA, ORE has analyzed its proposed intelligence production schedules (Project Initiation Memoranda) for the months of June, July, and August, 1950, as compared to similar information available to it from OIR/State. (Attachment "A" presents the basic data used for the comparison.)

3. The following general observations were drawn from this comparison:

a. During the sample period there was no duplication of project assignments evident

b. There appeared to be no overlap in the subject matter of the project assignments

4. No comprehensive or positive analysis of OIR/State and ORE/CIA production effort can be made at present due to the newness of the project initiation information exchange system and the resultant shortage of information required for detailed analysis.

5. The project initiation information available to ORE from the intelligence organizations of the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air is still too scant for any comparison involving these agencies.

6. It is hoped by this Office that the next few months will show a completely operative information exchange system between all intelligence agencies. When this is accomplished ORE will be in a position to thoroughly analyze intelligence coverage and prepare recommendations for more effective coordination of intelligence effort and the allocation of production responsibility among the intelligence agencies.

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